

**KGO-TV**  
**SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES  
AND  
RELATED PROGRAMMING**

**SECOND QUARTER - 2006**

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING**

During the second quarter of 2006, KGO-TV aired the following regularly scheduled local newscasts identified on air as "ABC 7 News" with a total cumulative average of over 100 hours per month:

Monday - Friday	5:00-7:00AM
Monday - Friday	11:00-11:30AM
Monday - Friday	5:00-5:30PM
Monday - Friday	6:00-7:00PM
Monday - Sunday	11:00-11:35PM
Saturday / Sunday	6:00-7:00AM / 6:00-6:30AM
Sunday	9:00-10:00AM / 9:00-9:30AM
Saturday / Sunday	5:00-5:30PM & 6:00-6:30PM

**During the second quarter of 2006, KGO-TV also aired the following regularly scheduled locally produced programming that addressed the problems and needs of the San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland Market area:**

**BEYOND THE HEADLINES-** This locally produced public affairs program consisted of a variety of subjects primarily dealing with issues related to the local community. The program's objective was to go "beyond the headlines" and explore critical issues facing the community. KGO-TV news anchor Cheryl Jennings was the host, and the program aired on Sunday, 5/14, and 6/4/06 from 10:00 to 10:30am.

**ASSIGNMENT 7 WEEKEND-** This news compilation program repurposed and reviewed local news reports that covered significant community issues. These included in-depth Assignment 7 Reports, I-Team Investigations, Michael Finney's Seven On Your Side, and Doctor Dean Edell's Medical Reports. KGO-TV news anchors hosted this program that aired on Saturday and Sunday from 4:30-5:00pm.

**SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE-** Reporter Michael Finney headed this consumer affairs unit that provided consumer information / product recalls during local 5:00pm newscasts, and reviewed investigations / resolutions during 6:00pm newscasts. Office staff answered letters, e-mail and hotline telephone calls from viewers seeking help with a wide variety of consumer problems. On the average, the unit received over 4000 e-mails/ letters, and over 1500 phone calls per month.

**NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING AIRED ON KGO-DT 7.2-** KGO-DT 7.2, our secondary digital channel, is a locally programmed channel that featured local news, local specials, public affairs, syndicated programming, and encore segments from ABC News magazines. On the average, over 200 hours of local news aired monthly. Encores of locally produced public affairs programs accounted for over 100 hours monthly. Additionally, hundreds of public service announcements aired in commercial breaks between syndicated and off network programming.

## **LOCAL SPECIALS**

**During the second quarter of 2006, KGO-TV aired the following locally produced specials that addressed the problems and needs of the San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland Market area:**

### **ABC 7 PRESENTS 1906 – A CITY REMEMBERS:**

ABC7 News anchor Dan Ashley hosted this special that an in depth look at the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire. One hundred years later the Bay Area feared that a fault could rupture at any time. This program asked what had been learned since 1906, and how the city and the Bay Area would survive another disaster of similar magnitude? New research showed how the 1906 quake impacted women and minorities. Also reviewed were questions about preparedness and what areas would be the most susceptible to catastrophic damage. This special aired on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm, with encores on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm, and Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.

### **ABC 7 TOP SCHOLARS:**

This program recognized the Bay Area's top high school academic achievers, and awarded \$1000 scholarships to six local graduating high school seniors heading for college. To qualify, these outstanding students exhibited exemplary skills in presentation, writing, and leadership, and were profiled in this special. This project was intended to promote academic excellence by honoring and rewarding top achievers. This program aired on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:00pm, and repeated on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-4:30pm, and Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00-4:30pm.

### **PROFILES OF EXCELLENCE:**

This program was part of a series of specials produced to celebrate the ethnic diversity of the Bay Area. This special saluted the achievements of five outstanding Asian/Pacific Islander Americans. It aired on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-7:30pm.

### **THE OAKLAND MAYORAL DEBATE:**

This special presentation featured a debate between the candidates for mayor of Oakland. It aired as a live stream on our website, and live on KGO-DT 7.2. It was recorded in the ABC 7 studios for playback on KGO-TV on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm.

### **THE SAN JOSE MAYORAL DEBATE:**

This special presentation featured a debate between the candidates for mayor of San Jose. It aired live, streamed on our website, and on KGO-DT 7.2. It was recorded at San Jose's Sheriff's Auditorium for playback on KGO-TV on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm.

## **SPONSORED EVENTS**

The following community events were featured on KGO-TV's "ABC7 Day Planner," the station's vehicle for sponsoring upcoming community events. Each of these thirty-second spots featured two to three events and aired for two weeks on a fixed schedule.

### **3/25/06 to 4/7/06**

- Sonoma Valley Film Festival (April 5-9, 2006)
- Professional Business Women of California Conference (May 2, 2006)
- Santa Cruz Mountain Winegrowers Association, "Wine with Heart" for cardiovascular research.

### **4/8/06 to 4/21/06**

- Dining Out for Life (4/27/06) Stop AIDS Project
- Asian Women's Shelter (5/4/06)
- Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (5/9/06) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### **4/22/06 to 5/5/06**

- Teatro Vision (5/5/06) Cinco de Mayo KGO Day.
- Coyote Point Museum, Otter Putt Golf Tourney (5/12/05).

### **4/22/06 to 4/28/06**

- Viet Heritage Society, Vietnamese American National Gala (5/6/06).

### **4/29/06 to 5/5/06**

- SF Camerawork, Ghana exhibit (5/2-7/2).

**(Sponsored Events cont.)**

**5/6/06 to 5/19/06**

- Rafael House (5/24/06)
- Cure Autism Now, Walk Now (6/10/06)
- SF Performing Arts Library & Museum, "Harlem of the West: The San Francisco Fillmore Jazz Era" (2/7, 2/8 thru 6/10)

**5/20/06 to 6/2/06**

- Youth in Arts, Italian Street Painting Festival (6/10-6/11).
- "Behind the Magic: 50 Years of Disneyland" (May through August 20) Oakland Museum of California.

**6/3/06 to 6/16/06**

- Ethnic Dance Festival (6/10 – 6/25) Palace of Fine Arts.
- Ryan's Ride, Lance Armstrong Foundation (6/24/06).
- Vertical Challenge, Hiller Aviation Museum (6/17) Willie Turner.

**6/17/06 to 6/30/06**

- Avon Walk for Breast Cancer (7/8-7/9).
- SF Conservatory of Flowers, Butterfly Zone exhibit (3/24 – 10/29).

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

During the second quarter of 2006, KGO-TV aired over 1,200 public service announcements in various time periods throughout the broadcast day that involved many different topics. This included In-house produced PSA's that aired 63 times. Some of these PSA sponsors included: Partnership for a Drug-Free California, UNCF, Smokey the Bear, Teatro Vision, March of Dimes, Dolores Street Community Services, Donorschoose.org, Marines.com, California Medical Association, USO, National Adoption Council, California Department of Insurance, American Academy of Dermatology, San Francisco Department of Child Support, United Way, Exploratorium, Alliance To Save Energy, Peninsula Humane Society, Kids Get Healthy, California State Parks, Dogs For the Deaf, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, ASPCA, Medicare Today, EPA/Radon Testing, Underage Drinking Prevention, Cure Autism Now, National Italian American Foundation, Office For Victims of Crime, API Legal Outreach, and PTA.

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In addition to the local news and public affairs programs described in this report, KGO-TV carries all of the ABC Television news & public affairs programs listed and described in the report filed as "Network Programming."

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KGO-TV regularly surveys community leaders and organizations, and responds to these surveys. The station also regularly hosts community feedback meetings known as "ABC 7 Listens" at different Bay Area locations. Residents are invited to discuss, key issues, problems, needs and interests. Through these efforts we've determined that the following issues are important to the community:

- Youth
- The Economy
- Healthcare
- Education
- Violence
- Special Local News Reports

Some of the station's most significant treatments of these issues are described on the following pages.

# **LOCAL PROGRAMS ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS & NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY**

## **YOUTH**

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 19, 2006 (5:00-6:00AM)

Length: 2:05

Subject:

This report reviewed a new vaccine created to block four strains of HPV, the virus that causes cervical cancer. Girls between nine and twelve years old were the target group for the vaccine. Critics suggested the shot might encourage promiscuity, but advocates believed it was about preventative healthcare for the future.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 12, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 2:40

Subject:

This report saluted the students at Saratoga High School that produced an annual fashion benefit to help people in need. Most of the proceeds for this year would go to the family of a woman who lost her fight against cancer, and were financially drained from costly treatments they had hoped would save her. In addition to choreographing the show, students recruited sponsors, asked for donations, learned how to approach people in authority, and had to make big decisions on how to use large amounts of money.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: April 14, 2006 (11:00-11:35PM)

Length: 1:35

Subject:

This report warned parents about Salvia Divinorum, an hallucinogenic dried leafy herb that was becoming extremely popular among children and teens. Although it was legal, the DEA considered it as powerful as LSD, and it could be purchased on-line and in some smoke shops. Also called "Magic Mint", it was connected to a suicide case in Delaware where lawmakers were trying to ban it.

The DEA advised parents to educate themselves and their children.

**(Youth cont.)**

### ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: June 7, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 3:06

Subject:

This report discussed that a growing number of parents were testing their children for illegal drug use. The home tests gave instant results and were easy to buy on the internet. The creator of one site said home drug testing kept her youngest daughter off drugs after she was caught using through a test. But the internet was also full of sites that claimed to show kids how to beat the tests. A local high school drug counselor believed testing should only be used as last resort because it could develop a lack of trust between children and their parents.

### ASSIGNMENT 7 WEEKEND

Date/Time: May 6, 2006 (4:30-5:00PM)

Length: 2:37

Subject:

This report reviewed a unique photography exhibit designed to draw attention to foster children and teens looking for a permanent home. The exhibit traveled to eight Bay Area counties, and showcased kids of all races and ethnicities waiting for a family. Twenty portraits of diverse foster families were also part of the exhibit. The lead agency on the project hoped that the family portraits would also draw awareness about the children that desperately wanted a family.

### ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: May 16, 2006 (11:00-11:30AM)

Length: :30

Subject:

This report discussed a new study that found one in five teens had taken prescription pain killers such as vicodin and oxycotin to get high. It also found that 40% of teens surveyed believed that experimenting with prescription drugs was safer than illegal highs. Nearly one-third also thought prescription pain killers were non-addictive. But the survey did find that the number of teens who used tobacco and alcohol continued to decline.

**(Youth cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: May 9, 2006 (5:00-5:00PM)

Length: 1:45

Subject:

This report reviewed one of the many new devices available to parents for electronically monitoring the driving habits of teenagers. The device could determine an automobile's location, speed, and route in real time via satellite. The data were transmitted to a computer or Blackberry device, and even enabled parents to shut down the engine if their child was driving too fast. CSAA said more teen drivers would die in car crashes in Northern California between May and August than in any other time this year. Some people believed these devices could cause privacy problems.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: May 26, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 2:50

Subject:

This report examined a new after school cooking program at the East Oakland Development Center. For over thirty years, the center provided neighborhood youth with a place to go between school and home. Center directors decided to introduce the cooking program to give young people nutritional and other information about cooking. It grew into a way for "latch-key" kids that would otherwise go hungry to eat and learn how to prepare their own food. They learned new skills and life lessons that would yield benefits in years to come.

## **THE ECONOMY**

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 2, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:46

Subject:

This report explained that a coalition of states challenged the federal government in court over fuel economy regulations for SUV's and trucks. The states said the regulations were too lenient, and wanted further tightening of the gas mileage regulations so consumers would save money in the future. A group representing SUV owners said technology couldn't keep up with the state's demands. The Bush administration believed the rules it proposed should save billions of gallons of fuel.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 2, 2006 (5:00-6:00AM)

Length: 1:51

Subject:

This report covered a rally and march in San Jose to support immigrant rights. Tens of thousands of people filled the streets to demonstrate the importance of immigrants on the country's economy. Organizers called the protest a huge success because it opened the doors of the Latino Community to come together as a people.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 17, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 3:28

Subject:

This report explained that the high cost of housing in the Bay Area would create a "brain drain" as the best and brightest workers left for more affordable cities. The median price for a home was almost four times the national average. Bay Area workers spent an average of 48% of their annual income on housing. By contrast, workers in Austin, Texas spent 26%. A university professor was concerned that high home prices would lead to erosion of the Bay Area's economic competitiveness.

**(The Economy cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: May 17, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:37

Subject:

This report explained that although the cost of goods was rising, the Bay Area was not feeling the impact as much as the rest of the nation. Nationally, the cost of gasoline was up +20% over the previous year, but locally the increase was only +10%. The price of groceries declined a little over 1% while the cost of eating out went up +3%. Consumer prices also did not rise as much locally compared to the rest of the country.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: May 19, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:45

Subject:

This report discussed that rapidly rising gasoline prices were starting to force Bay Area consumers to make tough spending choices. In a local news poll, 44% said they were not driving as much, 35% were eating out less, 34% were spending less on entertainment, and nearly one-fourth of those polled planned to cut back on vacations. San Francisco tourism officials were concerned that shops and restaurants would suffer. One senior citizen said he was homebound since all he could afford for gas was ten dollars each week.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: May 23, 2006 (6:00-7:00AM)

Length: :23

Subject:

This report discussed a study that found some California counties that were considered to be some of the most affordable in the nation were not. Experts said that real estate values in the East Bay's Tri-Valley area soared as housing on the east side of the Altamont Pass became more expensive.

**(The Economy cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: May 24, 2006 (5:00-6:00AM)

Length: 1:55

Subject:

This report explained that members of the Hercules City Council were using the power of eminent domain to keep a Walmart from being built on 17 acres of bay front property. Council members feared that a Walmart store would attract a bad element to Hercules. This was the first time a government entity had used eminent domain in the name of public interest. Walmart said its store would create 250 jobs and put \$500,000 tax dollars into the city economy.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: May 18, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 2:04

Subject:

This report discussed the issue of illegal immigration and followed President Bush as he spoke to an assembly of border patrol agents. He promised the agents more high tech help in monitoring areas where illegal aliens crossed the border every night. The president explained his plan to allow an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants already in the country to remain.

## **HEALTHCARE**

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 16, 2006 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report discussed that a pending two-day strike by San Mateo health system nurses had already affected patients. Health officials scaled back procedures to deal with the threatened strike. More than 300 appointments were rescheduled in a dozen clinics county-wide, and of the 300 beds in the medical center, only 13 were occupied. The main issue for the nurses was their wages. Negotiations among bargaining teams and mediators showed promise.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 5, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:56

Subject:

This report covered the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CDC's report on AIDS. It told of the early years when many gay men were getting a strange disease, but over the years the face of AIDS had changed. To mark the anniversary, the CDC released new facts and figures. It showed that African Americans represented 47% of all HIV cases in the nation, followed by whites and Hispanics, and 25% of all patients were women. Researchers said prevention was the only cure since a vaccine was years away.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 3, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:34

Subject:

This report explained that local government officials would have to create their own plan in the event of a deadly flu pandemic. Planners saw that the federal government's pandemic plan offered little help to local health agencies. Contra Costa County officials began identifying the most vulnerable populations that included nursing homes and schools. They looked for ways to increase the number of hospital beds in the county, and planned mass vaccination drills.

**(Healthcare cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: May 16, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 3:23

Subject:

This report reviewed the growing concern over hospital acquired infections. It was estimated that nationally 250 people died each day from infections they picked up in the hospital. Patients with these infections faced more complicated recoveries with more time spent in the hospital. About 9,000 people died in California every year from hospital acquired infections. Eight states had passed laws that required hospitals to report their rates of infection. But in California, a state bill in 2004 was vetoed by the governor. Doctors believed general cleanliness was the key in stopping infections before they start, but many patients carried antibiotic resistant strains into the hospital.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: June 14, 2006 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: 1:44

Subject:

This report covered a state political standoff over using \$200 million in taxpayer dollars to provide healthcare for the children of undocumented immigrants. A UCLA study estimated undocumented children made up at least 12% of uninsured kids in California. The democratic proposal would make it easier for children of illegal immigrants to qualify for the special health program by eliminating the legal status requirement. Some Republican lawmakers were also unhappy with the governor's proposal to add \$23 million dollars to the program.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: May 9, 2006 (11:00-11:30AM)

Length: :32

Subject:

This report covered President Bush's visit to a senior community to urge people to sign up for the new Medicare prescription benefit. The president heard praise for Medicare Part-D, but he also heard from seniors that wanted the deadline

extended. He urged them to sign up by May 15th deadline. A liberal healthcare advocacy group said the program would be used the least by beneficiaries who could benefit the most, such as the poor and minorities.

**(Healthcare cont.)**

#### ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: April 20, 2006 (5:00-6:00AM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report reviewed a state senator's plan to give migrant workers medical smart cards to improve quality of health services. A patient's medical history and records could be encoded on the card. A similar program was being tested in Sonoma County. Some consumer groups liked the idea of portability, but warned about information getting into the wrong hands. The senator said the cards would be encrypted and password protected so authorization would be necessary before anyone could look at the data.

#### ASSIGNMENT 7 WEEKEND

Date/Time: April 29, 2006 (4:30-5:00PM)

Length: 2:51

Subject:

This report discussed new wireless technology that could reduce the amount of time to diagnose a heart attack. A special electrocardiogram designed for paramedics would give first responders the best picture of a patient's heart. The patient's life signs then could be transmitted to a doctor's hand held device so treatment could begin the moment the patient arrives at the hospital.

Cardiologists at a Salinas, Ca. heart center were part of a one year nationwide study of this new technology. Their facility was the only one on the west coast participating in the study.

## **EDUCATION**

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 24, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:49

Subject:

This report covered the state supreme court's decision to reinstate California's high school exit exam. Students would not receive a diploma without passing the test. Ten percent of the state's high school seniors in 2006 had not yet passed the test that measured English and math skills. The ruling was not final since a state appellate court was expected to hear the case next.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 16, 2006 (6:00 -7:00PM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report reviewed a controversial proposal before the West Contra Costa School District to build more K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade schools. Research showed that students in a K-8 environment were more likely to stay in that school. The school district was under-enrolled by 3,200 students, and this translated into \$16 million dollars the district could get from the state. At issue was the performance of the district's middle schools as parents were not satisfied with test scores. The school board president wanted the board to focus instead on ways of improving the middle schools.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: April 25, 2006 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: 1:30

Subject:

This report reviewed how a group of inner city students with asthma carefully monitored their condition so their medication would work properly. The problem was kids forgot, and parents got busy so they didn't control their asthma correctly. So students received half of their medication at home and the other half at school. This way their asthma therapy was supervised everyday, and they would get into the habit of taking daily medications. The ultimate goal was fewer

asthma attacks, and getting students back in school.

**(Education cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: April 25, 2006 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: 1:50

Subject:

This report profiled North Star Academy, a Redwood City school that was selected as one of the state's best. This was a distinction given to only 5% of all California schools. The school's state "distinguished schools honor" was attributed to an innovative way of teaching that yielded high test scores. Of the 377 schools awarded, there was little racial diversity in the student body. This was a big issue that the state was trying to address, but at North Star, 23% of the students were Hispanic. Regular community outreach by staff members was noted for bringing racial diversity to the school.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: April 22, 2006 (6:00-7:00AM)

Length: 2:57

Subject:

This report profiled a South Bay elementary school's community band and their leader. After budget cuts nearly wiped out the school's music program, the music teacher decided to create the band on her own for the fourth and fifth grades. That's when parents, teachers and neighbors quickly responded with help that resulted in saving the music program that was almost lost.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: April 27, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:45

Subject:

This report covered the day of silence observed by students around the country to raise awareness about gay harassment in schools. A national survey found that two-thirds of gay & lesbian students said they had experienced verbal harassment. But according to another report, California didn't have as many cases of harassment. An East Bay school hosted a forum to raise awareness and give students a chance to talk openly about issues gay & lesbians faced.

**(Education cont..)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: April 27, 2006 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report reviewed details behind violent disturbances on and off the campus of San Leandro High School. An altercation in the school cafeteria between an African American and Hispanic student sparked racial tension resulting in a series of fights, and a bottle throwing melee. Dozens were arrested and at least thirty students were suspended while others were expelled. School officials restricted student movement, and police promised an enhanced presence on the campus for as long as it was necessary.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: April 28, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 3:08

Subject:

This report profiled Richmond's pioneering "Making Waves Education Program." This very successful program worked mainly with low-income students from low performing schools. They were mostly from families where no one has ever attended college. Participants started as fifth graders taking the free after school classes in small groups. The program also provided a wide range of other services from snack food to mental healthcare. In return, students had to attend at least two times per week, four hours every Saturday, and an entire month in the summer.

## **VIOLENCE**

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 23, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 2:00

Subject:

This report covered a coordinated crackdown on escalating street violence in Richmond. As the city with the highest crime rate in the state, its police department was understaffed by 50 officers. Police and federal agents flooded the streets in a show of force lasting several hours. Dozens of people were detained, cuffed, and searched, but there was only one arrest. The extra assistance from the federal agents helped the Richmond Police regain control of the violence, but it was short-lived. A murder occurred later in the same evening.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 25, 2006 (6:00–7:00PM)

Length: 2:37

Subject:

This report profiled one of five major candidates for Mayor of San Jose. Although he was no stranger to politics, David Pandori was running as an outsider with experience, and a different perspective. In a neighborhood plagued by gang violence, he said San Jose was hiding behind its title as the “safest big city in America.” He supported using legal powers to keep gang members from congregating, and suggested creating a joint powers authority to tackle the problem. He believed gang activity was one type of crime that grows like a cancer if not stopped.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 25, 2006 (6:00–7:00PM)

Length: 1:55

Subject:

This report covered the ongoing problem of violence at a San Francisco housing project where a 16 year-old boy was gunned down. Long before this murder, concerned citizens organized a street rally that called for the community to

accept responsibility for its young people. They asked for help from city hall and the police in reaching them.

**(Violence cont.)**

#### ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: May 27, 2006 (11:00-11:35PM)

Length: 1:38

Subject:

This report covered the increased police presence in Oakland that focused on known gang hot spots. This was in response to gang killings of two 14-year olds earlier in the week. Oakland Police said they knew the situation had become worse during the year, but there was only so much they could do. They planned to continue increased patrols in certain neighborhoods in an effort to prevent more people from killing each other.

#### ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: April 27, 2006 (11:00-11:35PM)

Length: 1:50

Subject:

This report covered the murder of a recreation assistant at a San Francisco community center in front of his six year old daughter. Witnesses said the gunman looked through the door then came in and shot the victim on the basketball court. People said fights had occurred outside of the building, but nothing of the kind had ever happened inside. Police didn't have any suspects, but the victim's cousin pointed to the long history of violence in the city's Western Addition.

#### ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: June 28, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:44

Subject:

This report examined a youth summit meeting in Vallejo designed to explore alternatives to violence in the community. The event attracted hundreds of young people that attended seminars where they discussed solutions to violence. They also covered a wide range of issues to help them make correct decisions, such as a first driver's license, college counseling, and HIV.

**(Violence cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: April 25, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:35

Subject:

This report followed an undercover operation by San Francisco Police and federal drug agents in the Western Addition district. About fifty officers targeted and arrested alleged drug dealers, and suspects in street shootings. The police roundup was the second one within ten months in a district that had seen an increase in homicides over the past year. Police believed there was a direct connection between drugs and violence.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: April 13, 2006 (11:00-11:35PM)

Length: 1:35

Subject:

This report explained that city officials in Oakland were looking at new technology to help solve the problem of increasing violence. One councilmember backed a pilot program to test a system called "Shotspotter." It was a series of acoustic detectors deployed around a city that could pinpoint where gunfire occurred within 25-feet. The system had already helped some police departments respond to crimes in progress.

## **SPECIAL NEWS REPORTS**

ABC 7 News provided several in-depth reports that examined a variety of issues important to the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Market. These are examples:

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: April 20, 2006 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 3:37

Subject:

This report reviewed a legal dispute over the naming rights of the local Golden Gloves boxing tournament. At issue was whether a San Francisco boxing tournament for charity had legal rights to use the name. The promoter thought he had properly bought the rights, but it turned out the person who sold the local rights did not have legal authority to do so. The national Golden Gloves of America said they did not have funds to sue, since they had to spend money on the athletes. A former Golden Gloves champion was worried that confusion over which tournament was the official one would discourage young boxers.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: May 19, 2006 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 3:06

Subject:

This report profiled a woman who helped launch the volunteer docent program of the San Francisco Symphony. Twenty years later, fifty docents regularly visited Bay Area schools to teach students about the symphony, and get them enthusiastic about music. They raised money for transportation to the symphony for 12 to 14 performances, and accompanied those children on field trips. The performances were designed to teach music concepts with kid friendly music.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: April 13, 2006 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 3:17

Subject:

This report traced the path of the Hayward Earthquake Fault located under ten East Bay cities. Three million people lived within two miles of this fault that

seismologists believed would be where the next “big one” would occur. It was one of the most built upon faults in the world, and scientists were very concerned that it was long overdue for a major quake. They believed a 7.2 magnitude quake similar to the 1995 Kobe, Japan quake would completely destroy over 5,000 buildings.

**(Special News Reports cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: May 25, 2006 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 5:05

Subject:

This exclusive investigative report traced the sexual misconduct of an Episcopal priest who admitted to having sex with an underage girl in the 1970's. He had been the pastor of a local church for 25 years, but his sexual misconduct during two previous jobs sparked demonstrations from the “Survivors Network.”

Documents from a 1993 church investigation showed the priest had sex with vulnerable women. Several women who were allegedly abused by the priest spoke on camera about their situation. The Episcopal bishop of California refused to speak to ABC 7 News about the case.

ASSIGNMENT 7 WEEKEND

Date/Time: April 23, 2006 (4:30 – 5:00PM)

Length: 3:05

Subject:

This report profiled two women who gave up corporate careers at mid-life to pursue other interests. One had a high-powered job and decided to go back to school and become a professional chef. She created a supper club with two other chefs. Another woman, a twenty year veteran at a computer company, went to a life coach for guidance. She then decided that being a life coach was what she really wanted to do. Many of her clients were also women in their forties. There were more than 40 million women between 40 and 60 years of age in the U.S.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: April 18, 2006 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 4:32

Subject:

This follow-up report showed that essential parts of San Francisco's disaster plan were still incomplete. The mayor and the head of the Office of Emergency services promised to have all the guides for specific hazards completed by the end

of 2005. But the director would not say whether she and her staff had finished them, only that she would answer questions in writing. The mayor acknowledged that tremendous work needed to be done, but said tremendous work had also been accomplished in the past two years.

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ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: June 24, 2006 (6:30 – 7:30AM)

June 27, 2006 (5:00 – 6:00AM)

Length: 2:13, 1:58

Subject:

This report explained that prosecutors alleged San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzalez and Norcal Waste Systems worked together to successfully get teamster labor to pick up city trash. They said the mayor, his budget director, and Norcal allegedly went about it illegally with backroom deals that cost taxpayers more than \$11 million dollars. Prosecutors said a six-month investigation, 31 witnesses, and over 100,000 documents revealed the mayor and Norcal engaged in bribery to get the deal done. The mayor quickly stated that there was no truth to the charges against him. The attorney for Norcal said they were confident that they would be vindicated.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: April 27, 2006 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 3:44

Subject:

This report looked into allegations from patients that they had been double-billed by a North Bay chiropractor. A consultant that the chiropractor hired to help with billing software scanned his accounts. She found that patient after patient had been charged up front for services covered by Medicare, and then Medicare was double-billed. The chiropractor declined to be interviewed, and denied he had double-billed patients. The consultant reported the alleged fraud to Medicare investigators. The chiropractor started to return money to some patients, but in some cases the refunds were only partial, and at least one was refunded 100%.